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## Flu Vaccine Supply May Be Dwindling but Health Officials Still Encouraging School Immunizations

Health Department to hold last special immunization clinic on Saturday

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will hold a special "Saturday" immunization clinic at its Southside Health Center and Keenan Health Center on **December 13, 2003 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m**. These clinics will be for immunizations to meet school requirements only. Parents are strongly encouraged to get their children's immunizations updated to avoid being out of compliance with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office. Parents who do not comply with school immunization requirements can be issued a bench warrant and face fines for not meeting requirements in addition to having their children excluded from school.

Regularly scheduled walk-in immunization clinics continue to be offered in addition to this Saturday clinic. Please call the MHD at 414-286-3616 for a schedule of clinic hours.

Families should bring immunization record and report to either of the two following sites:

WHEN: December 13, 2003

WHERE: Southside Health Center Keenan Health Center

1639 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street 3200 North 36<sup>th</sup> Street

TIME: 9:30- 12:30 p.m. 9:30- 12:30 p.m.

Parents interested in obtaining influenza vaccination for children should contact their healthcare provider or call the MHD flu hotline at 414-286-3616 and visiting the website at <a href="www.milwaukee.gov/health">www.milwaukee.gov/health</a>. The MHD will not be able to dispense influenza vaccine suitable for children less than four years old. However, there is a limited supply of the adult influenza vaccine, which is appropriate for children four years of age and older.